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USSR COAL MINERS FULFILL MINER'S DAY OBLIGATIONS

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On 27 August 1950, the USSR celebrated Miner's Day. For some time prior to that date miners in coal regions throughout the country had been assuming obligations to be fulfilled in honor of the holiday.

In the Donets Coal Basin, 53 mines and mine administrations of the Stalinugol' and the Artemugol' combines completed their 5-year quotas ahead of schedule. The Krasnoarmeyksugol', Kalininugol', Chistyakovantratsit, Zuyevantratsit, and Dzerzhinskugol' trusts exceeded their socialist obligations and delivered to the country tens of thousands of tons of coal above their quotas.(1) The Donbassantratsit Trust completed its 8-month quota by 27 August and is delivering dozens of trainloads of anthracite above its daily quota.(2)

Improved working methods and modern machines assisted the coal enterprises in achieving their goals. Donbass combines are in operation at two mine faces of the first section of Mine No 20-bis of the Zuyevantratsit Trust. This section has also introduced the cycle schedule of work, completing one cycle each 24 hours. Since the adoption of this method, the coal output has become $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as great as previously, the idle time has been reduced, and productivity of the combine has been increased 2,000 tons per month, from 7,500 to 9,500 tons. There is not a single worker in the section who is not fulfilling his quota. (3) Starting on 1 August, the ninth eastern face of Sokologorovka Mine No 3 of the Pervomayskugol' Trust of the Voroshilovgradugol' Combine was also converted to a cycle schedule. During the first 25 days of August, the miners at this mine face completed 25 cycles. The average daily coal output has risen from 100 to 130 tons. In spite of revised norms, all the miners are doing Stakhanovite work. (4)

Moscow Basin miners have honorably fulfilled the obligation in which they assumed to deliver to the country 175,000 tons of above-plan coal by Miner's Day. (5) Moskvougol' Combine workers have exceeded the Five-Year Plan for volume of production. Their labor productivity considerably exceeds the prewar level and tens of thousands of tons of coal have been mined since the beginning of 1950. More than 2,500 miners completed their 5-year quotas by Miner's Day. (6)

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The Donskoyugol' Trust is exceeding its daily quota.(7) A Donbass combine is operating in Mine No 25 of this trust and as a result the daily output from one mine face could be raised to 400 tons, but the machine is not being exploited to capacity and the output has not reached this figure.(6) Mines No 23, 24, and 41 are doing good work. Workers in one section of Mine No 30 delivered 520 tons as against a planned output of 240 tons.(7)

Mine No 8 of the Shcherbakovugol' Trust has more than doubled its planned capacity.(7) One section of this mine reports that it is working two mine faces and that the daily output is 400 tons although the seam being worked is not thick. The chief of this section believes that this figure can be raised 100 tons. To do this it will be necessary to increase the time spent on useful labor above the present 7 hours per shift, enlarge the loading point for face No 33, and make certain that no less than 20 mine cars are available for haulage.(6) Mine No 22 of the Stalinogorskugol' Trust has almost tripled its planned capacity.(7)

The Tulaugol' Combine is delivering the last thousands of tons of its above-plan obligations. The Krasnogvardeyskugol' Trust and many mines in the combine have completed their 8-month program.(19)

In the Urals, thousands of miners have completed their year quotas ahead of schedule and have delivered many trainloads of coal above the plan.(8) A section of Mine No 4-6 of the Kopeyskugol' Trust of the Chelyabinskugol' Combine converted to the cycle schedule at the end of July. As a result, the daily coal output has increased 170 tons and at the same time 28 persons have been freed to work in other sections. Labor productivity of the cutting and loading personnel has attained an average increase of 20 percent. Preparations have been started to convert the section's other face also to a cycle schedule.(4)

The Georgian coal output is increasing from year to year and at present surpasses considerably the prewar level. During 7 months of 1950, the coal output was 27.5 percent higher than during the same period of 1949. The Gruzugol' Combine has overcome the lag of the winter months and starting in March it has been fulfilling or exceeding the plan. Cutting and conveying coal at the mine faces and underground transport have been completely mechanized. The miners have an abundant supply of heavy cutting machines, cutting and loading machines, rock-loading and coal-loading machines, and scraper and belt conveyers.

The Tkvarchelugol' Trust fulfilled the 8-month plan by Miner's Day and exceeded the plan for basic development work. The plan for labor productivity was fulfilled by the trust 101.2 percent during the first half of 1950. Among notable mines in the Tkvarchelugol' Trust the Mine imeni Stalin, which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary, exceeded the 7-month plan in all its important aspects and the Akhblari Mine received a second prize in the All-Union Socialist Competition.(9)

More than 200 of the Tkibulugol' Trust miners have completed their 5-year quotas ahead of schedule.(10) The Mine imeni Lenin, the oldest mine in the Georgian SSR, fulfilled the 7-month plan for coal output 100.6 percent. Workers of the Gelati Mine are also fulfilling the plan from month to month. The situation has improved in the Mine imeni Stalin and the Mine imeni Molotov during recent months. However, both these mines still have unfulfilled obligations since the beginning of 1950.(9)

Great efforts are being made to introduce mechanization into Akhaltsikhe mines. Electric winches are used to transport coal to the mine surface, and electric locomotives and scraper conveyers are employed for transport within the mines.(10) Nevertheless, the Akhaltsikhe Mine Administration has been failing to complete the plan since the beginning of 1950.(9)

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Sredazugol' Combine enterprises exceeded the 1949 plan. During 7 months of 1950, their coal output has increased 18 percent over the same period of 1949, including the Uzbekugol' Trust 49 percent. Three trusts of the combine, Tadzhikugol', Kizylkiyugol', and Kokyangakugol' trusts, have already completed their 5-year quotas. Fifteen mines, including Mine No 4--4-bis and Komsomol'skaya Mine of the Kizylkiyugol' Trust, Mine No 4 of the Sulyuktaugol' Trust, and Mines No 8 and No 1-5 of the Tadzhikugol' Trust, have completed the Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule. In 4 years and 7 months 1,400 miners of the combine fulfilled their 5-year quotas. These included 110 miners from Uzbekistan. The 1950 norm has been completed by 650 miners, including 112 from the Angren area.(11) One section of Mine No 2-bis in Angren has delivered 13,000 tons of coal above plan.(12)

The Isfara Mine of the Ministry of Local Industry Tadzhik SSR considerably exceeded the plan for the 1950 second quarter and was awarded a Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers Tadzhik SSR and of the TsK KP(b) of Tadzhikistan.(13) Investments in the Kirgiz coal industry during 4 years of the postwar Five-Year Plan have totaled tens of millions of rubles. During that time, the coal output has increased 66 percent and average labor productivity per worker was 40 percent higher in 1949 than in 1945. There has also been some improvement in the coal mined, since the ash content has been reduced from 13.83 percent in 1949 to 13.73 percent in 1950.(14)

In the Karaganda Basin, 15 enterprises of the coal industry completed their 5-year quotas by Miner's Day and delivered hundreds of trainloads of coal above plan.(15) The Karagandaugol' Combine had achieved the level of coal output fixed for the end of the Five-Year Plan already in July.(16) Workers of the Karagandauglerazrezy Trust won preeminence in the second-quarter competition and were the first in the basin to complete the 8-month plan. At the same time, they saved the country 4 million rubles.(15) The Leninugol' and Molotovugol' trusts have also succeeded in stepping up their production tempo.

During 7 months of 1950 the average daily coal output for the basin as a whole was 14.1 percent higher than in the same period of 1949, and labor productivity was 20.2 percent higher.(16) On 26 August, 5,000 Stakhanovite workers of the basin reported that they had completed their 5-year quotas.(15)

Profiting by the example of the Donbass mines, the Karaganda Basin planned to convert 32 mechanized mine faces to the cycle work schedule during the third quarter of 1950 and to raise the number to 50 by the end of the year.

Even though the Karagandaugol' Combine as a whole is fulfilling and even exceeding the plan, nevertheless some of its mines regularly fail to complete their quotas and reduce the general figures for the combine. Among these are Mine No 19-bis, Mine No 61/65, and Mine No 6. The Stalinugol' Trust as a whole lags.(16)

In the Kuzbass, the Kemerovugol' Combine completed its 8-month program for coal output on 26 August and it has also fulfilled the plan for development work and for shipment of coal to consumers. The average daily coal output is 14.8 percent higher than in the same period of 1949 and labor productivity is 21.5 percent higher.

The Kemerovugol' Combine is devoting great attention to improving the quality of the coal mined. During August, its mines have been delivering coal with an ash content 0.37 percent below the allowable ash content. Production costs have decreased considerably. During 7 months, the combine saved 4.7 million rubles above plan.(17)

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Workers in 35 mines in the Kuzbass as a whole are at present delivering coal on their September quotas. Yuzhnaya and Zenkovskiy Uklony mines have completed their 10-month quotas and are already working on the November program. Just before Mirar's Day, workers and specialists of the Mine imeni Kalinin reported completion of the Five-Year Plan for volume of coal output. More than 500 workers of the basin engaged in the various phases of coal mining have completed their 5-year quotas.(18)

From Sakhalin comes the report that the Aleksandrovskugol' Trust and the Aleksandrovskiy Fuel Trust have stepped up their labor productivity. The Mgachi Mine which belongs to the former trust completed the July plan ahead of schedule. A miner of the Aleksandrovskiy Fuel Trust is already working on his 1952 quota and a shaft-sinking brigade is working on its 1953 program.(19)

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